

## Message Text

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R 061814Z MAY 77  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES  
INFO CO MAR SECGRD BAT HDQS USMC WASHDC

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC, MSG

SUBJECT: USE OF MARINE SECURITY GUARDS

REF: BUENOS AIRES 3082

1. BELIEVE THAT OUR PROBLEM STEMS MORE FROM SEMANTICS OR AN OVER DEPENDENCE ON MARINES AT POST THAT GRADUALLY DEVELOPED OVER A LENGTHY PERIOD. THE MARINE PSU WAS NEVER INTENDED TO SUPERVISE LOCAL POLICE OR CONTRACT GUARDS (REFER 3 FAM 149.3-3(8) BUT TO INSURE COMPETENT U.S. PRESENCE UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF A QUALIFIED SECURITY OFFICER TO SUPPLEMENT HOST GOVERNMENT PROTECTIVE SERVICES.

2. BY THE SAME TOKEN, THE OUTER LEVEL OR PERIMETER OF SCREENING AND ACCESS CONTROL FOR EMBASSY COMPOUND OR ENTRANCE SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY CONTRACT GUARD FORCE OR LOCAL POLICE. MARINE GUARDS AT THE INNER LEVEL HAVE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FINAL AUTHORITY TO GRANT OR DENY ACCESS AS INSTRUCTED BY THE SECURITY OFFICER. INSTRUCTIONS ARE USUALLY PREDICATED ON EFFECTIVE PRE-SCREENING BY THE CONTRACT GUARD FORCE. THE RSO OR OTHER POST OFFICIALS ARE THE SUPERVISORS OF BOTH GUARD FORCES THAT MUTUALLY COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER.

3. THIS IS RATIONALE FOR DENIAL OF MARINE POSITIONS FOR  
EXTERIOR PERIMETER POST. CHRISTOPHER

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